

BOROUGH OF LYMINGTON.

Town Hall,
Lymington.

August, 1940.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS
OF THE BOROUGH OF LYMINGTON.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Annual Report for the Year 1939.

The Minister of Health in a circular dated the 19th July has recommended that, in view of the need for strict economy in the use of paper an interim report only should be made for the year 1939 and that it should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year and matters arising from or connected with the war. All records and statistics for this year are to be preserved in order that after the termination of the war a report could be made dealing more fully with the period beginning 1939 to the end of the last complete year.

A full report has already been prepared by my predecessor, Doctor de Mowbray, but in order to carry out the above directions various statistics and other items have been deleted.

The general health of the district has been good and again the number of infectious cases notified during the year was low. There were no cases of Diphtheria, and of the 14 cases of Scarlet Fever, 12 were from a local boarding school. Other notified cases were, Erysipelas 1; Cerebral Meningitis 1 and Pneumonia 5.

Artificial immunisation against Diphtheria was again carried out during the year, a total of 179 children being treated.

Following advice of consultants certain improvements have been carried out at the Corporation owned water works at Lymington, and a chlorination plant has been installed. Analyst's reports on samples of water taken following the improvements have proved satisfactory. I am of opinion that the chlorination of the Town's water supply should be continuous.

The new sewerage scheme is nearing completion, the high level sewer in Milford-on-Sea and the sewers in Lymore, Everton and Pennington now being available for use. There remains the low level sewer at Milford-on-Sea and this is waiting for the pumping plant, and authority has now been received for this work to proceed.

Under the Sanitary Inspection of the Area a total of 2979 inspections have been made. 91 complaints and nuisances have been investigated, action was taken in 60 cases and 56 were remedied up to 31.12.39. No Statutory notices were served and only two Informal Notices were necessary. Seventeen defects were found in Factories and sixteen of these were remedied by the end of the year.

During the year some cases of whooping cough, german measles and impetigo were notified from the schools, but all the schools remained open.



From investigations made it was found that approximately 50% of the school children take advantage of the Milk Scheme.

There are 84 dairy premises in the district, and 36 defects were found at these premises during the year. These were dealt with by informal action.

Under the Food & Drugs Act, 1938, 58 applications for Registration were received in respect of premises used for the manufacture, sale or storage of Ice Cream or used for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or preserved food for sale. In 9 cases registration was deferred until improvements to the premises were effected in order to bring them into compliance with the Act.

Inspections of slaughterhouses in the district were carried out for the purpose of Licencing the premises as now required under the Food & Drugs Act. Four of the slaughterhouses were not approved for Licencing and formal Notices were served specifying the works required to bring the premises into line with the Act.

Under routine inspections the following articles of food were found to be unfit for human consumption and voluntarily surrendered.

Bullocks	Heads	Tuberculosis	1
Bullocks	Part	Decay	70 lbs.
Bullocks	Hindquarter	Decay	1
Bullocks	Part	Bruising	25 lbs.
Bullocks	Liver	Angioma	1
Pigs	Whole	Tuberculosis	1
Pigs	Heads	Tuberculosis	9
Pigs	Heads	Stale	2
Pigs	Plucks	Tuberculosis	3
Pigs	Livers	Cirrhosis	9
Pigs	Hearts	Pericarditis	2
Sheep	Breast	Pleurisy	1
Pork sausages		Rancid	18 lbs.
4 boxes kippers		Decay	
2 stone fillets		Decay	
1 tin prawns		Decay	
4 lb. tin chicken and ham		Blown	
57 baskets plums		Decay	
8 baskets blackberries		Decay	

Port Sanitary Regulations.

The shipping entering the port consisted of:-

Coastwise vessels	15 motor	13 sailing	
Foreign vessels	111 motor (H.T.)		<u>Total 139</u>

Air Raid Precautions.

Under the Air Raid Precautions scheme Dr. Blackloy acted as o/c of A.R.P. casualty services and was appointed Commandant at Lymington 1st. aid post. The A.R.P. casualty services consist of the following:-

- (1) Fixed 1st. aid post at Lymington, with 1st. aid parties, ambulances and sitting car cases.

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(2) Mobile unit at New Milton under Dr. Ball, with 1st. aid parties, ambulances and sitting car cases.

In addition 1st. aid parties, ambulances and sitting car cases are provided at Milford-on-Sea and Hordle.

There are also 8 first aid points.

Lymington hospital is included in the scheme.

There were no cases treated under the scheme during 1939.

Yours faithfully,

W. HOBSON.

Medical Officer of Health.
